

HISTORY OF WAYNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Wayne County was formed March 21, 1796, from Northampton County; Northampton County was formed March 11, 1752, from Bucks County; Bucks County was formed 1682.

"The area left to Wayne was 720 square miles and the population in 1820 was 4,127.....

"The people were generally poor. Most of the old men had been soldiers in the Revolutionary War, and others were descendants of families who had suffered in various ways in that struggle and from frequent incursions of Indians."(p 10, Hist. of Wayne Co. by G. Goodrich)

"Purchase of Northern Pennsylvania a treaty made November 5, 1768, with the Six Nations who then sold and conveyed to the Proprietor 'All the land within a boundary extending from the New York line on the Susquehanna, past Towanda and Pine Creek, up the west branch over to Killbuck and thence down the Ohio.' This was called the 'New Purchase', and included the lands in Wayne and Susquehanna Counties, most of Luzerne and part of Pike. The State afterwards bought of the Indians all the lands which remained unsold within its chartered limits.

"....the Continental Congress appointed a board of commissioners and on December 30, 1752, pronounced their opinion as follows: 'We are of the opinion, that the State of Connecticut has no rights to the land in controversy'".(H. of W.C. by Goodrich pp 21 & 27)

Canaan Township - "The northern part was taken off in 1834, to make up the township of Clinton, and in 1851, Waymart was scooped out of its northern part."(H. of W.C. by Goodrich, p 170)

"The old Eastern and Belmont turnpike road, which was called the north and south road, was made and finished in 1819-20. Coaches, carrying mails and passengers, ran daily upon it, and large numbers of cattle and sheep were driven down and along it from western New York to Easton and Philadelphia for twenty-five or thirty years."(p 171)

"State of Pennsylvania appropriated \$10,000 to aid in the construction of the road. It was of great importance to that part of the county thru which it extended."(p 187)

"The farms in Clinton are well cultivated for the reason that very little attention was ever paid to lumbering. Almost the whole of the original settlers were of Puritan origin."(p 329)